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We wish all the readers of the FAIR PLAY a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Poor old Jim Blaine. His defeat has crazed him or he is a most unconscionable liar.

To our neighbor, the *Herold*: Quit your durned cross-dress in Profusion. Open the glad New Year with "charity for all and malice towards none."

If there are any short-comings in this issue of the FAIR PLAY we hope that our readers will kindly remember that it is Christmas week, during which a little license is allowable.

We have been more under obligation to Rochester's great seed man, James Vick, for copies of his elegant *Floral Catalogue*. From his acquaintance of more than ten years, we can say much for the excellence of Mr. Vick's goods.

The *Enterprise-Messenger* is again to the fore, a four-column paper full of hope and energy. You have had bad luck, Currier, but keep stiff upper lip, old man, and pull through. Come boys, all give our brother a kind word and a helping hand.

The Star which scintillated in bright fulgurance over the good people of Sikeston, as the *Star* of Sikeston, then moved its bright radiance to Doplman, becoming the *Star* of Doplman, has returned to its first love.

"Twinkle, twinkle little star,
Like a diamond in the sky;
How I wonder what you are,
Up above the world so high."

To our brethren of the press: A merry Christmas and a happy New Year to the Ed. and Publ. of the F.A.C. Our friends William J. Boyer recently came to us having his house condemned by fire.

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The number of pupils enrolled at the school here is 55; the daily average attendance is about 40. We are highly pleased at the deep interest the people of this community manifest towards the cause of education.

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The Libel Suit.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 16.

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Washington D. C., Dec. 10.
Messrs. Harrison, Miller and Elam, Counselors at Law: GENTLEMEN—When I requested you in August last to bring suit against the publishers of the Indianapolis *Sentinel* for libel, I did so in the belief that wrong had been done me by that paper; being entirely of a personal and domestic character, it could be fairly tried without undue influence from political considerations. I confess I was profoundly amazed to find the matter once taken up and the libel reproduced with all possible exaggeration in every Democratic paper in Indiana. Except from three members of the Democratic party of that State, I never heard that a word of dissent or disapproval was spoken, while the great mass of Democratic speakers repeated the libel from every stump in Indiana with vituper-

ative rancor, with jibe and broad jest. It was thus made, so far as any matter of the kind can be made, an issue in an exciting political campaign, and the Democrats of the State were thoroughly poisoned in their minds in regard to the question to be decided at law. Under such conditions, it is simply impossible that I can have a fair trial, or that I can have any other result than that which informally attends a political trial suit growing out of an exciting campaign in this country. If I were aman enough to desire a jury composed of my own partisans, I couldn't have it. A properly constituted jury in Indiana would be composed of members of both political parties in about equal proportions. When I visited Indiana in October I was repeatedly advised that six Democrats could not be found in the State who, in a political suit, would give a verdict against their leading party organ. This did not necessarily convey an imputation on their personal integrity as citizens, but simply that bonding of party prejudice would utterly prevent an impartial consideration of the evidence submitted. I am perfectly able to fight the *Sentinel* newspaper in an Indiana Court, but I would stand no chance whatever against the consolidated voice of the Democratic party of the state. With these surroundings and this prospect it is idle for me to go to trial, the trouble and annoyances involved in trial. The questions propounded to the bar of discovery have already been substantially and fully answered by me, and I am willing to rest on written statement and answer under oath to the judgment of the panel. I do not choose to have the case indirectly compounded by a technicality or suffered to die in silence. I prefer to make this frank and open statement of the reason which induced me to believe that the prosecution of the case would be utterly fruitless.

Very respectfully,

JAMES G. BLAINE.

CORRESPONDENCE

From Broomdale, Mo.

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Miss Eliza Detmendy's school goes well.

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